The Egyptians that had been cut off by the law again spring up , but they are never so dangerous as these wandering soldiers, for the Egyptians went visibly in one company, and never above thirty or forty of them in one shire But of these wandering idle people there are 300 or 400 in a shire, and grown so strong that the constables dare not apprehend them At a late sessions a tall man, a sturdy and an ancient traveller, was committed, and being brought to the sessions had jadgment to be whipped, but he in the face and hearing of the whole bench swore a great oath that if he were whipped, it would be the dearest whipping to some that e\er was It strale such a fear into the justice that had committed him as he praved the man might be deferred until the assizes, when he was delivered without anv whipping or other harm, and the justice glad to ha\e so pacified his wrath

2$tb September SIR RICHARD BINGHAM'S FLIGHT

Sir Richard Bingham, the Governor of Connaught, that was commanded to Athlone to stand his trial because of the many complaints against him, is fled away secretly to England, whereat his enemies in Ireland say that he hath sought to shun this trial, being either overcarned by the greatness of his stomach to answer before the commissioners or stncien with the guilti- ness of his conscience that he could not justify But Sir Richard himself declareth that he is constrained to avoid the hard measure of his adversaries against him who work to the utmost his overthrow by indirect proceedings contrary to the rules of law and justice He complameth also that Sir John Norris put his brother Sir Thomas in his charge before the

Queen's pleasure that he should be sequestrated was known, and moreover when he was summoned to Athlone, Sir John gave orders that he should not come through to Athlone but be stayed some five miles short, and have none of his friends near him, being used as a man utterly disgraced in the eyes of those base traitors which he had governed twelve years, and be at the mercy of the Irish to be murdered, none of his own horsemen or footmen to be permitted to come to meet him for his safety in passing through the country or himself suffered to lodge in the castle